

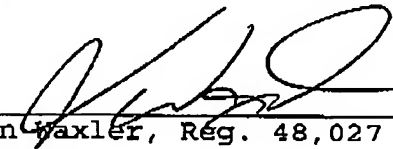
REMARKS

The present amendment cancels claims 1-8 from the original application, Accordingly, claims 9-17 are hereby presented for an examination on the merits.

As per a telephone conversation with Examiner Vu, Applicants inadvertently cancelled claims 9-17 in the preliminary amendment filed August 27, 2003. This supplemental amendment reflects Examiner Vu's recommendation to correct the mistake.

Affirmable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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